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NORTH AND EAST CHINA FISHERIES 'FLOURISHING';
SHIP FISH FRY BY AIR

Spring fishing in the Tientsin area has resulted in a take of 10 million catties of shrimp alone. This is more than six times the take for the same period of 1950.

In Shantung, 24,521 boats, three times as many as in 1950, have taken 77,469 tons of fish during the spring season. This is the best in 10 years. In Chekiang, the 1951 fleet has nearly doubled. Sales on the Shanghai market have likewise nearly doubled.

Chekiang Province has advanced 5 billion yuan to fish processors. Local authorities in Honan are encouraging fish hatching as a supplementary industry for farmers, and the idea is proving popular. First air shipments of fish fry in China have been made from Hankow to Chungking and Yunnan.

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EAST CHINA SPRING FISH TAKE HIGH -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 7 Jul 51

With aid and guidance from the People's government the fishing industry of East China has gone far toward realizing the current goal of reviving the industry to its prewar status. A 5-month report gives the following statistics. In Shantung, the number of boats engaged in the fishing industry was

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24,521, three times as many as in 1950. The take was 77,469 tons, the best in 10 years. The fishing fleet in Chekiang consists of 10,117 boats, 4,489 more than in 1950; the take for the first 4 months of 1951 was 34,556 tons, more than four times the take for the same period of 1950.

In the first 6 months of 1950, sales on the Shanghai market were 28,098 tons; for the same period in 1951, 49,894 tons. Sales in Tsingtao increased 30 percent over 1950. The government-operated Marine Products Company had a total take of about 8,000 tons in the two areas during the first 6 months of 1950. Public and private fish salting and drying facilities in Shantung have reached prewar capacity; in the Chou-shan Island area of Chekiang, about 50 percent. The Chekiang Marine Products Transport and Marketing company has 130 cold storage boats buying fish at the fishing grounds.

The price of fish on the Tsingtao market is 1,483 yuan per catty, which is equivalent to between 2 and 3 catties of millet. The average price on the Shanghai market for January - May 1951 was 2,178 yuan per catty, equivalent to 1.8 catties of rice.

NING-PO AUTHORITIES ISSUE FISHERY LOANS -- Hangchow, Chekiang Jih-pao, 21 May 51

The Fisheries Bureau of Chekiang Province has decided to advance 5 billion yuan to fish processors in the Ning-po area in order to facilitate the processing and the movement of marine products, thus preventing excess fish supply on the local market and falling prices.

HONAN PROMOTES PISCICULTURE -- Kaifeng, Honan Jih-pao, 15 May 51

The authorities of certain local areas in Honan are encouraging the hatching of fish as a supplementary industry for farmers. In some local areas of Shang-ch'eng Hsien as much as 15 percent of the rural population carries on this enterprise as a side line. For example, 3,000 buckets of roe, when hatched, produces 9,000 buckets of fry (45 million minnows). Each bucket of fry may be worth about 60 liters of rice. Some area authorities are advancing loans to farmers to enable them to engage in this side-line activity.

FLY FISH FRY TO CHUNGKING -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao, 4 Jul 51

An unprecedented event in the long history of China was a recent shipment of 60,000 fish fry from Hankow to Chungking by air under joint sponsorship of the Central and South China Marine Products Control Office and the Military Affairs Commission. Another shipment has since been made by air to Yunnan.

The new method of shipment is expected to practically eliminate losses by death, which by overland transport sometimes ran as high as 95 percent.

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